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PLEASE PROTECT FOLLOWING MESSAGE (STATE SERIES)

ORIGINAL MESSAGE TO FOLLOW BY MESSENGER

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SUBJECT - ART EXHIBITION: THE CONTEMPORARY SOUTH

REFERENCE - (A) HONG KONG 13970-C (B) HONG KONG 13902-U (NOTAL)

(C) USIA 34357-U (NOTAL)

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE ALSO SENT USIS HONG KONG FOR ACTION:

1. AGENCY PLEASED TO ACCOMMODATE USLO PEKING REQUEST FOR REF
EXHIBIT AS OPENING DISPLAY FOR NEW LIBRARY AND EXHIBITION SPACE.

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LATE JANUARY/EARLY FEBRUARY 1977 WOULD BE IDEAL TIME TO

INAUGURATE TOUR OF EXHIBIT. AGENCY CONCURS WITH HONG KONG'S ASSESSMENT THAT SUCH AN EXHIBITION HAS GREAT POTENTIAL. 250 RUNNING FEET REASONABLE ESTIMATE.

2. AGENCY MOST APPRECIATIVE OF HONG KONG ACTIONS TO BRING EXHIBIT TO USLO'S ATTENTION AND OF HONG KONG'S GENEROUS OFFER TO PROVIDE WHATEVER ASSISTANCE NEEDED. IF HONG KONG WOULD LIKE EXHIBITION FOLLOWING PEKING, AGENCY WILL ACCOMMODATE. EXHIBITION SITES STATED REFTEL B APPEAR TO BE PRIME LOCATIONS. POST CAN ASSURE CITY HALL MUSEUM THAT WHILE WE ARE AWARE THAT TIMELINESS OF EXHIBITION WILL BE DRAWING FACTOR, EXHIBITION WAS DESIGNED TO SHOW CHARACTER OF U.S. REGION THROUGH TWO ART FORMS RATHER THAN UNDERLINE RECENT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS. MUSEUM CURATOR AND WRITERS HAVE PREPARED EXHIBITION AS ART PRODUCT.

3. AGENCY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW USLO PEKING DESIRE FOR LENGTH OF DISPLAY STARTING LATE JANUARY/EARLY FEBRUARY, AS WELL AS TIME PERIOD DESIRED FOR HONG KONG FOLLOWING PRC DISPLAY. ADVISE ICS/DA PROJECT OFFICER MPALMER SOONEST TO ENABLE SCHEDULING REST OF TOUR.

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